

June 2023

# Mainsheet

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*Summer Time Summer Time, Sum Sum Summer tiiiiime  
June 21st is coming*

## Launch Day and Blessing of the Fleet May 6th



Commodore Bill Ralston

May 6th provided great weather for this event. I lost track of how many boats participated, but the combination of boat launches, great tacos and some margaritas was enjoyed by all. Culminating the event was the blessing of the fleet, a sailing tradition from well before our time when sailors faced a few more challenges than those of us on Brookville Lake. Many thanks to Nicole and Andy Holtkamp for making this event happen and providing both the custom blessing bottles of wine as well as welcoming packets to help us attract new members.



## Calendar

- June 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Full Moon raft-up
- Jun 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Summer Run Race
- June 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Father's Day Race
- June 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Summer Sailstice Race followed by Wine Tasting & Charcuterie board (Kent's)

## Homecoming Social May 27th

Last Saturday we held our Homecoming social event and based on the number of membership books distributed we had about 35 members in attendance. If you weren't able to be there, no worries the remainder of the membership books were mailed out on the 30th so you should receive them late this week.

Many thanks to Skyp and Jana Harmon for hosting the event with the assistance of Commodore Ralston and other members. Flowers with a memorial day flag

adorned each table in remembrance of and to honor of our veterans. Burgers and brats were served along with an abundance of salads, side dishes and desserts provided by fellow sailors.

### Nicole Holtkamp — Social Director

We need hosts for the social event days listed below. Nicole is the Social Director, but last I checked she only has two hands and needs volunteers for each event or the club will not be able to host them. We do have a club trailer with most everything needed in terms of tables, grills utensils etc. It's really just a matter of wanting to help support the club and jumping in. Nicole monitors the club email at [blsa.news@gmail.com](mailto:blsa.news@gmail.com) so let her know your availability to help run a great social event and any questions you may have.

June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Full Moon Raft-up ( <a href="#">See article</a> )	Aug. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Club Social
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">2<sup>nd</sup> Race Summer run</a>	Sept. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Full Moon raft-up
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">3<sup>rd</sup> Race Father's Day</a>	Sept 9 <sup>th</sup>	End of Summer Party
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">4<sup>th</sup> Race &amp; Wine &amp; Charcuterie</a>	Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Full Moon raft-up
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">5<sup>th</sup> Race - Firecracker Beer Tasting and Trivia Night</a>	Oct 7 <sup>th</sup>	Chili Cook-off
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">6<sup>th</sup> Race &amp; Full Moon raft-up</a>	Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>	End of Season Celebration

### Race Report – June 2023 Al Navarro

We had our first races of the year on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and many thanks to Dan CaJacobs for volunteering to act as our race committee. He did a great job setting up a Windward-Leeward course with an offset mark at the bottom of the course. At race time the winds had filled in to about 10 to 12 miles per hour out of the north. We got two great races in and thought about a third but the winds seemed to be building and Dan said the committee boat was dragging anchor so we thought it best to not go for a third.

Originally, I had hoped to utilize a new format but due to the late entries we used the standard start format. I will be looking for volunteers for future race committee on upcoming races. Please reach out to me and we can get you on the schedule. I hope to see more of you out for the next races!

Contact Al if you'd like to help out with race committee duty [atnavarro54@gmail.com](mailto:atnavarro54@gmail.com)

## BLSA Spring/Summer Series

Results are final as of 21:52 on May 31, 2023

### Overall

Sailed: 2, Discards: 0, To count: 2, Rating system: PHRF, Entries: 6, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Fleet	Boat	Class	SailNo	Club	HelmName	CrewName	PHRF	Spring	Spring 2	Total	Nett
1st		Schockanaw	SANTANA 23D	19		Al & Val Navarro		186	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.0
2nd		Someday Isle	CATALINA 25			Ron Stevens		228	4.0	1.0	5.0	5.0
3rd		Past Behavin	BENETEAU 323			Bill Beglin		153	2.0	3.0	5.0	5.0
4th		Riptide	CARRERA 290	2914		Andrew Norris		114	3.0	4.0	7.0	7.0
5th		At Ease (Loon III)	CATALINA 28	237		John Slawter		207	5.0	7.0 DNF	12.0	12.0
6th		Serenity	O'DAY 23-2			Dallace Marable		273	7.0 DNC	7.0 DNC	14.0	14.0

### Spring at 12:30

Start: Start 1, Finishes: Place, Time: 12:30:00, Distance: 4.0

Rank	Fleet	Boat	Class	SailNo	Club	HelmName	CrewName	PHRF	Elapsed	Points
1		Schockanaw	SANTANA 23D	19		Al & Val Navarro		186	0:19:55	1.0
2		Past Behavin	BENETEAU 323			Bill Beglin		153	0:18:19	2.0
3		Riptide	CARRERA 290	2914		Andrew Norris		114	0:16:03	3.0
4		Someday Isle	CATALINA 25			Ron Stevens		228	0:24:52	4.0
5		At Ease (Loon III)	CATALINA 28	237		John Slawter		207	0:32:50	5.0

### Spring 2 at 13:14:00

Start: Start 1, Finishes: Place, Time: 13:14:00, Distance: 7.0

Rank	Fleet	Boat	Class	SailNo	Club	HelmName	CrewName	PHRF	Elapsed	Points
1		Someday Isle	CATALINA 25			Ron Stevens		228	0:42:43	1.0
2		Schockanaw	SANTANA 23D	19		Al & Val Navarro		186	0:39:06	2.0
3		Past Behavin	BENETEAU 323			Bill Beglin		153	0:36:30	3.0
4		Riptide	CARRERA 290	2914		Andrew Norris		114	0:34:18	4.0
5		At Ease (Loon III)	CATALINA 28	237		John Slawter		207	DNF	7.0







Anchoring out on the lake is one of the great pleasures of summer, especially when both the weather and water are warm. We've spent many nights on the hook and have always enjoyed the quiet, our friends and the stars. The club raft-up on 5/3 is an opportunity to join in and enjoy your fellow sailors for an evening on the water. As I like to say 'How many nights' do you have to enjoy away from your normal routine?

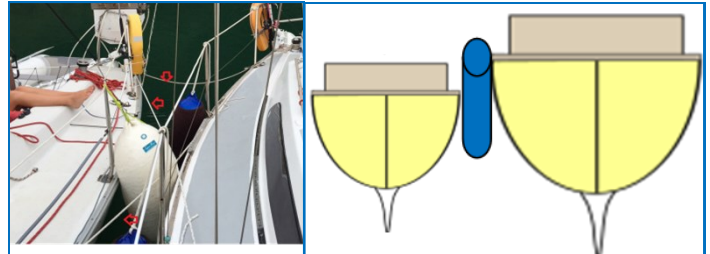
I also know that some of you may not be quite sure how it all works. SO....here are my thoughts and advice to make the event less stressful and more relaxing.

**Boats will be anchored off of Quakertown swim beach area after about 5pm (far north end of the lake past the Quakertown buoy field)**

**Approach:** The anchored boat(s) which will be a facing into the wind, assuming there is some! Always be aware of the anchor line scope even though it's only about 10 feet deep in this area and since your keel/centerboard goes down several feet you don't want to snag the line by crossing too close in front of an anchored boat.

You should preferably have at least two fenders/side, the bigger the better. You will also need at least three lines to tie up, more on that later. Determine either by radio (ch71) or coming by and asking who you

should tie-up next to. If you have folks you prefer to be next to, it's best to come at about the same time. Approach the boat you're going to tie up to, coming in at a slight angle, at enough speed to overcome any wind and have control, but no faster than necessary. Your boat has a fair amount of momentum and too much speed is when damage happens. Have bow and stern lines already attached to cleats and ready to throw/hand to the boat you're tying up to. Your



fenders should be in place and high enough to straddle your rail as shown here.

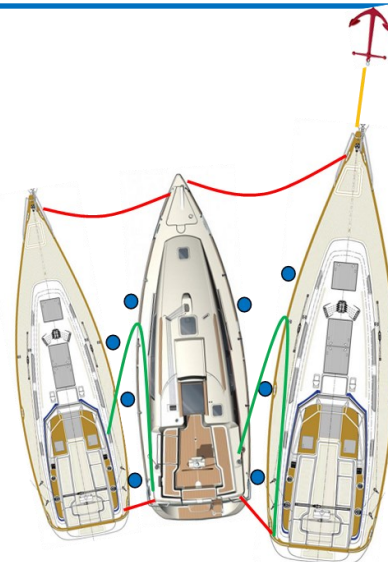
Typically you'll want to hang them from a stanchion or life line. The reason for this is that given our various boats, the widest part of the hull ( the rail) is at different heights. The midpoint of the fender should be at the rail of the lower boat. The height you hang your fenders at the dock is generally too low for tying up to another boat.

So, once you've stopped and the bow and stern lines are cleated at roughly the right length, it's time for your most important line of the raft up, the spring line. Without a spring line boats will sit tightly together as the boat closest to the anchored boat will be holding your boat from moving downwind and the boats will squeeze together against the fenders. While a minor concern might be the scuffing on your hull (it's a big issue for me), the annoying issue is there will be the fender squeak all night at every movement between the boats.

In the illustration below, the fenders are in blue, stern and bow lines in red and spring line in green. The spring line should be connected to a winch or stern cleat on the boat closest to the anchored boat. Then run forward around the base of a stanchion or other hard point, then back to the boat on the outside again to a winch or cleat. This is then used to position the boats fore and aft to align cockpits and just as importantly misalign the masts and spreaders so they

don't bang into each other as the boats rock from waves or people movement.

Finally note in the illustration that the sterns are closer together than the bow and that the bow line has some slack in it. This allows for some space between the boats so your not crushing the fenders, causing noise and excess scuffing. The green spring line holds the outer boat in the fore and aft position and the bow and stern line just control the angle between the boats Once this is all completed take another look at you fenders and make sure they are protecting both boats and securely tied on. If in doubt on any of this, just ask. We do try to put an equal number of boats on either side of the anchored boat(s) as much as possible - mirror image of this drawing.



Finally if you don't plan on spending the night or have to leave early in the morning, it's best to wait and raft-up on the outside to make it easier to depart. When leaving it's usually best to have your engine running then drift or slowly idle in reverse and back away from the other boats rather than trying to go out forward.

**Moon rise is at 8:58 pm and it will be a 100% full moon on the 3<sup>rd</sup>!**

Hope to see you there.

Bill & Patty

### Welcome 2023 New Members

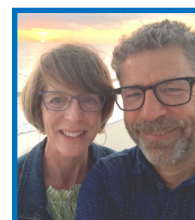
Jul & Grace Loyola Alvarez - Andrew Norris - Bernard & Sadia Normand - Michael & Deanna Riddle



Theresa Patrick Burke



Al & Val Navarro



Scott & Amy Spera

### Where in the world is Walter Frank?

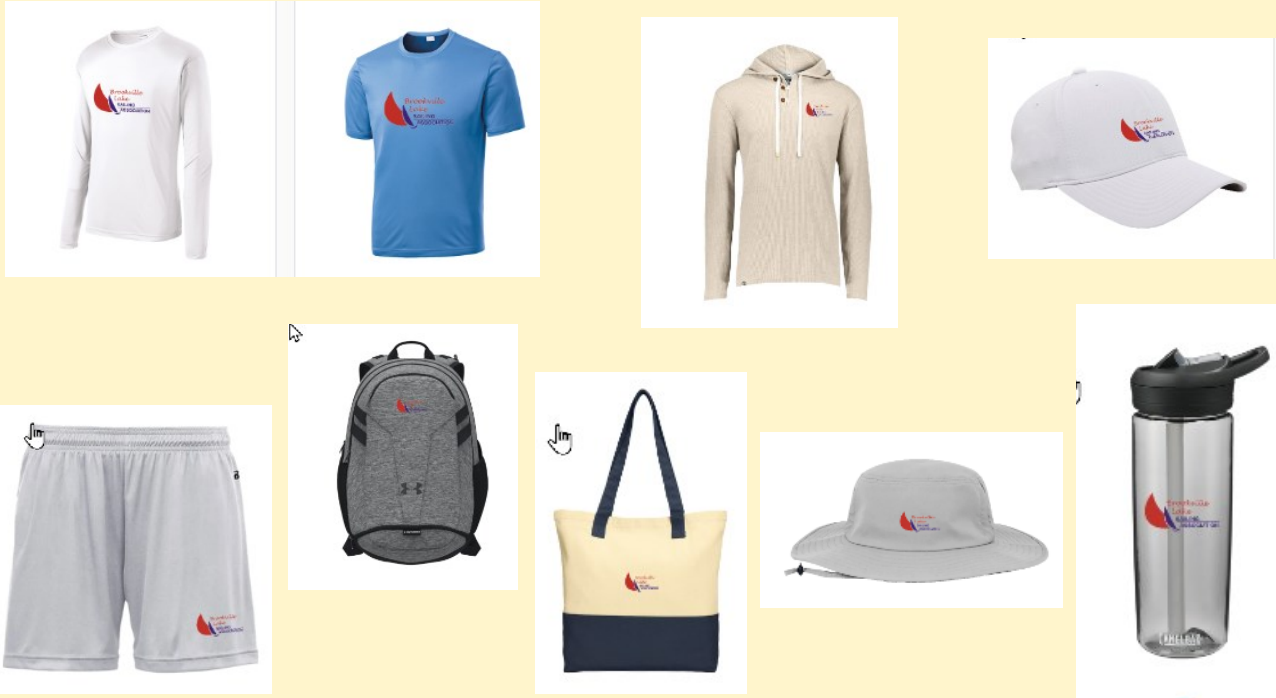


Like the famous character Waldo, it's often hard to find out where long time member Walter Frank and Gale are at any given time. I don't have enough room here to list all their travels but I have to admit to a bit of jealousy. Recently, paparazzi spotted them somewhere off the west coast of Florida and sent in these photos.

We're all looking forward to seeing you both one of these days which may only happen if there is another airline strike!



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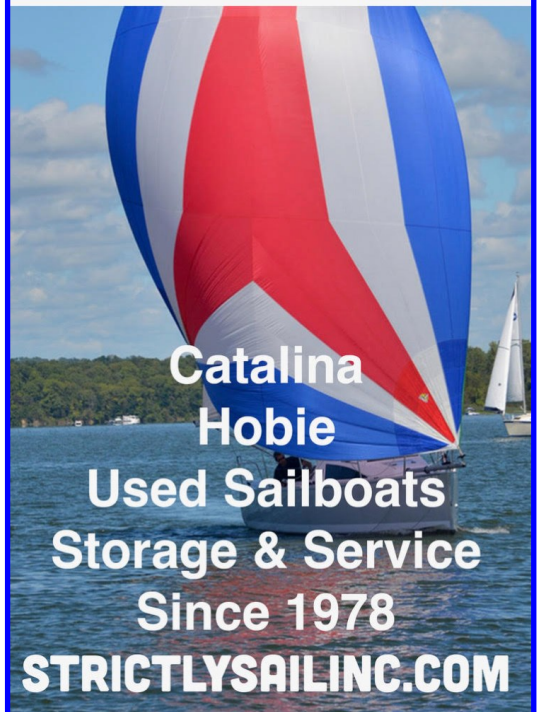
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